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November 19, 2019

Mr. Britt Chesnut, Generation Manager  
Farmington Electric Utility System  
City of Farmington  
501 McCormick School Road  
Farmington, NM 87401

**Re: Farmington Electric Utility System (FEUS); Bluffview Power Plant; Minor Individual Permit; SIC 4911; NPDES Compliance Evaluation Inspection; NM0031135; October 24, 2019**

Dear Mr. Chesnut:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report and check list for the referenced inspection that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted at your facility on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This inspection report will be sent to the USEPA in Dallas for their review. These inspections are used by USEPA to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program in accordance with requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act.

Introduction, treatment scheme, and problems noted during this inspection are discussed in the Further Explanations section of the inspection report.

You are encouraged to review the inspection report, required to correct any problems noted during the inspection, and to modify your operational and/or administrative procedures, as appropriate. Further, you are encouraged to notify in writing both the USEPA and NMED regarding modifications and compliance schedules at the addresses below:

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US Environmental Protection Agency  
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Sarah Holcomb, Program Manager  
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Source Regulation Section  
P.O. Box 5469  
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Bluffview Power Plant  
October 18, 2019

If you have any questions about this inspection report, please contact Daniel Valenta at 505-827-2575 or at [daniel.valenta@state.nm.us](mailto:daniel.valenta@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

*/s/Sarah Holcomb*

Sarah Holcomb  
Surface Water Quality Bureau

Cc. Carol Peters-Wagnon, USEPA (6EN-WM) by e-mail  
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## NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

### Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code	NPDES	yr/mo/day	Inspection Type	Inspector	Fac Type
1 N 2 5 3 N M 0 0 3 1 1 3 5 11 12 1 9 1 0 2 4 17 18 C 19 S 20 2					
Remarks					
S T E A M E L E C T R I C P O W E R P L A N T					
Inspection Work Days	Facility Evaluation Rating	BI	QA	Reserved	
67 69	70 5	71 N 72 N 73 74 75		80	

### Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number)	Entry Time /Date 1154/10-24-2019	Permit Effective Date 8-1-2019
City of Farmington, Farmington Electric Utility System (FEUS), Bluffview Power Plant, 755 West Murray Drive, Farmington, NM 87401 San Juan County.	Exit Time/Date 1450/10-24-2019	Permit Expiration Date 7-30-2024
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s)	Other Facility Data	
Jamie Shockey/Generation Superintendent/FEUS/505-427-6604 Eric Jaquez, Water Treatment Specialist/ FEUS/ 505-566-2450	Plant Entrance 36.717269 -108.215964 OUTFALL 001 36.717214 -108.22229 SIC Code 4911	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number	Contacted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mr. Britt Chesnut, Generation Manager, FEUS, City of Farmington 501 McCormick School Road, Farmington, NM 87401		

### Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

S	Permit	S	Flow Measurement	S	Operations & Maintenance	N	CSO/SSO
S	Records/Reports	S	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Sludge Handling/Disposal	N	Pollution Prevention
S	Facility Site Review	S	Compliance Schedules	N	Pretreatment	N	Multimedia
S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	S	Laboratory	N	Storm Water	N	Other:

### Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

The facility has submitted all required DMR's and reports. There have been no exceedances of permit limits. The facility is ordered and appears to be well managed.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax	Date
DANIEL J. VALENTA /s/Daniel Valenta	NMED/SWQB 505-827-2575	11/14/2019
Signature of Management QA Reviewer	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers	Date
JENNIFER FOOTE /s/Jennifer Foote	NMED/SWQB 505-827-0596	11/21/2019

Bluffview Power Plant		PERMIT NO. NM0031135
SECTION A - PERMIT VERIFICATION		
PERMIT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES OBSERVATIONS DETAILS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> )		
1. CORRECT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO EPA/STATE OF NEW DIFFERENT OR INCREASED DISCHARGES		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DISCHARGE POINTS AS DESCRIBED IN PERMIT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. ALL DISCHARGES ARE PERMITTED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
SECTION B - RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING EVALUATION		
RECORDS AND REPORTS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY PERMIT. DETAILS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>No</u> )		
1. ANALYTICAL RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH DATA REPORTED ON DMRs.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES DATA ADEQUATE AND INCLUDE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
a) DATES, TIME(S) AND LOCATION(S) OF SAMPLING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
b) NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING SAMPLING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
c) ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
d) RESULTS OF ANALYSES AND CALIBRATIONS.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
e) DATES AND TIMES OF ANALYSES.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
f) NAME OF PERSON(S) PERFORMING ANALYSES.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS ADEQUATE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. PLANT RECORDS INCLUDE SCHEDULES, DATES OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
5. EFFLUENT LOADINGS CALCULATED USING DAILY EFFLUENT FLOW AND DAILY ANALYTICAL DATA.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
SECTION C - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
TREATMENT FACILITY PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>No</u> )		DETAILS:
1. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY OPERATED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY MAINTAINED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. STANDBY POWER OR OTHER EQUIVALENT PROVIDED .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. ADEQUATE ALARM SYSTEM FOR POWER OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES AVAILABLE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
5. ALL NEEDED TREATMENT UNITS IN SERVICE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
6. ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS PROVIDED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
7. SPARE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY MAINTAINED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONTROL ESTABLISHED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA

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<b>SECTION C - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (CONT'D)</b>	
9. HAVE BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS OCCURRED AT THE PLANT OR IN THE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE LAST YEAR? IF SO, HAS THE REGULATORY AGENCY BEEN NOTIFIED? HAS CORRECTIVE ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
10. HAVE ANY HYDRAULIC OVERLOADS OCCURRED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT? IF SO, DID PERMIT VIOLATIONS OCCUR AS A RESULT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>SECTION D - SELF-MONITORING</b>	
PERMITTEE SELF-MONITORING MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>No</u> ). DETAILS:	
1. SAMPLES TAKEN AT SITE(S) SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. LOCATIONS ADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED WHEN REQUIRED BY PERMIT.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
4. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES COMPLETED ON PARAMETERS SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
5. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT FREQUENCY SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
6. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
a) SAMPLES REFRIGERATED DURING COMPOSITING.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
b) PROPER PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES USED.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
c) CONTAINERS AND SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES CONFORM TO 40 CFR 136.3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
7. IF MONITORING AND ANALYSES ARE PERFORMED MORE OFTEN THAN REQUIRED BY PERMIT, ARE THE RESULTS REPORTED IN PERMITTEE'S SELF-MONITORING REPORT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>SECTION E - FLOW MEASUREMENT</b>	
PERMITTEE FLOW MEASUREMENT MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>No</u> ) DETAILS:	
1. PRIMARY FLOW MEASUREMENT DEVICE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED. TYPE OF DEVICE _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <b>Ultrasonic Flow Meter Installed</b>
2. FLOW MEASURED AT EACH OUTFALL AS REQUIRED.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS (TOTALIZERS, RECORDERS, ETC.) PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
4. CALIBRATION FREQUENCY ADEQUATE. RECORDS MAINTAINED OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES. CALIBRATION CHECKS DONE TO ASSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <b>Unit checked for zero calibration.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
5. FLOW ENTERING DEVICE WELL DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND FREE OF TURBULENCE.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
6. HEAD MEASURED AT PROPER LOCATION.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
7. FLOW MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE EXPECTED RANGE OF FLOW RATES.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>SECTION F – LABORATORY</b>	
PERMITTEE LABORATORY PROCEDURES MEET PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>No</u> ) DETAILS:	
1. EPA APPROVED ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES USED (40 CFR 136.3 FOR LIQUIDS, 503.8(b) FOR SLUDGES)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA

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SECTION F - LABORATORY (CONT'D)							
2. IF ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES ARE USED, PROPER APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED						<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	
3. SATISFACTORY CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
4. QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES ADEQUATE.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
5. DUPLICATE SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED. <u>10</u> % OF THE TIME.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
6. SPIKED SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED. <u>0</u> % OF THE TIME.						<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
7. COMMERCIAL LABORATORY USED.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
LAB NAME <u>Sea Crest Group Whole Effluent Toxicity Scientific Laboratory Division TSS/TDS/O&amp;G/</u>							
LAB ADDRESS <u>500 S. Author Ave, Unit 450 4901 Hawkins NE</u>							
PARAMETERS PERFORMED <u>Louisville, Colorado 80027 Albuquerque, NM 87109</u>							
SECTION G - EFFLUENT/RECEIVING WATERS OBSERVATIONS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> ).							
OUTFALL NO.	OIL SHEEN	GREASE	TURBIDITY	VISIBLE FOAM	FLOAT SOL.	COLOR	OTHER
001	no	no	no	no	no	Clear	
RECEIVING WATER OBSERVATIONS							
SECTION H - SLUDGE DISPOSAL							
SLUDGE DISPOSAL MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. DETAILS:				<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> ).			
1. SLUDGE MANAGEMENT ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN EFFLUENT QUALITY.				<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
2. SLUDGE RECORDS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY 40 CFR 503.				<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
3. FOR LAND APPLIED SLUDGE, TYPE OF LAND APPLIED TO: _____ (e.g., FOREST, AGRICULTURAL, PUBLIC CONTACT SITE)							
SECTION I - SAMPLING INSPECTION PROCEDURES (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> ).							
1. SAMPLES OBTAINED THIS INSPECTION.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA			
2. TYPE OF SAMPLE OBTAINED							
GRAB _____		COMPOSITE SAMPLE _____		METHOD _____		FREQUENCY _____	
3. SAMPLES PRESERVED.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
4. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
5. SAMPLE OBTAINED FROM FACILITY'S SAMPLING DEVICE.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
6. SAMPLE REPRESENTATIVE OF VOLUME AND MATURE OF DISCHARGE.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
7. SAMPLE SPLIT WITH PERMITTEE.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
8. CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY PROCEDURES EMPLOYED.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			
9. SAMPLES COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERMIT.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA			

**City of Farmington  
Farmington Electric Utility System -  
Bluffview Power Plant Compliance  
Evaluation Inspection  
NPDES Permit No. NM0031135  
October 24, 2019**

**Further Explanations**

**Introduction**

On October 24, 2019, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted by Daniel Valenta accompanied by Erin Shea, both of the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) at the City of Farmington, Farmington Electric Utility System (FEUS), Bluffview Power Plant located at 755 West Murray Drive, Farmington, New Mexico 87401 in San Juan County.

FEUS Bluffview Power Plant is classified as a minor facility discharger under the federal Clean Water Act, Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program and is assigned permit No. NM0031135. The permit authorizes discharges of cooling tower blowdown, reverse osmosis (RO) waste, evaporator coolant (summer only), and various floor drains to San Juan River in Segment 20.6.4.401 NMAC of the San Juan River Basin. Designated uses of Segment 20.6.4.401 NMAC include public water supply, industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact, marginal cold-water aquatic life and warmwater aquatic life. The San Juan River assessment unit does not support primary contact (listed cause is E. coli bacteria) and marginal cold-water aquatic life (listed causes are turbidity and sedimentation siltation) according to the 2014-2016 State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated List & Report

NMED performs a certain number of CEIs for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) each year. The purpose of this inspection is to provide USEPA with information to evaluate the permittee's compliance with the NPDES permit. This report is based on review of files maintained by the permittee and NMED, on-site observation by NMED personnel, and verbal information provided by the permittee's representatives. Condition of sediment and erosion control measures and need for maintenance at the facility was discussed during the CEI, but an industrial stormwater Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) CEI was not conducted on the day of this inspection.

Upon arrival at approximately 1154 hours on the day of the inspection, the inspector made introductions, presented credentials to Mr. Eric Jaquez, Environmental Scientist and Mr. Jemie Shockey, Generation Superintendent. The inspector discussed the purpose of the inspection and toured the facility and Outfall 001. The inspector conducted an exit interview on site to discuss preliminary findings at the end of the tour.

**Process Flow**

Farmington Electric's Bluffview Power Plant produces approximately 60 megawatts. It is a combined-cycle natural gas steam electric generating facility.

It was completed and commenced operation in May of 2005. The plant includes a natural gas fired gas Combustion Turbine Generator (CTG) with a heat recovery steam generator (HRSG), duct burner and steam turbine. The facility also includes cooling towers, circulating water pumps, sub-station, and supporting equipment to produce and deliver electricity. Process or wastewater flows from the facility were previously directed to the City of Farmington Waste Water Treatment Plant. Outfall 001 was constructed on November 25, 2014. The facility now discharges to the San Juan river.

#### **Cooling Tower:**

Water used by the FEUS Bluffview Plant comes from the City of Farmington potable drinking water system. Most of the water used by the facility is to make up for what is evaporated in the plants cooling tower during operation. The Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in the water is measured. As water evaporates from the system TDS increases. This increase triggers a cooling tower “blowdown” to Outfall 001. This creates the demand for more water to be brought in to the plant system.

#### **Demin RO, Polisher, HRSG, CTG Sprint:**

Potable water brought in from the City of Farmington drinking water system is furthered filtered before being used. It is run through the Demin RO which is used in the HRSG and CTG sprint system. This water is ultimately evaporated or blown down to the plant cooling tower basin and ultimately to Outfall 001.

#### **Evaporative Cooler:**

The Evaporative cooler water is used in the summer only to cool inlet air entering the combustion turbine and has limited volume of blowdown. This goes to the plant oil/water separator and ultimately to Outfall 001.

#### **Various Floor Drains, Process Area Drain Header:**

Various floor drains are plumbed to the oil water separator in case of potential discharge. Areas that have a risk of accidental release have been identified and re-directed to containment areas for this risk of pollution to outfall 001 to be eliminated. The sampling point for all NPDES requirements is on the west side of the steam turbine. This is downstream of all process piping include the sodium bisulfite injection port for TRC removal.

#### **Turbine Floor Deck Header Piping/ Containment Sump:**

The combustion generator turbine floor deck piping, and wash/metal cleaning wastewater (approximately 2,000 to 4,000-gallons of water per year) are plumbed to a specially constructed sump. This sump is specifically designed to contain this type of waste water.



It is not connected to the plant outfall system. This waste, when collected, is profiled and disposed of through an USEPA and DOT approved third party service provider.

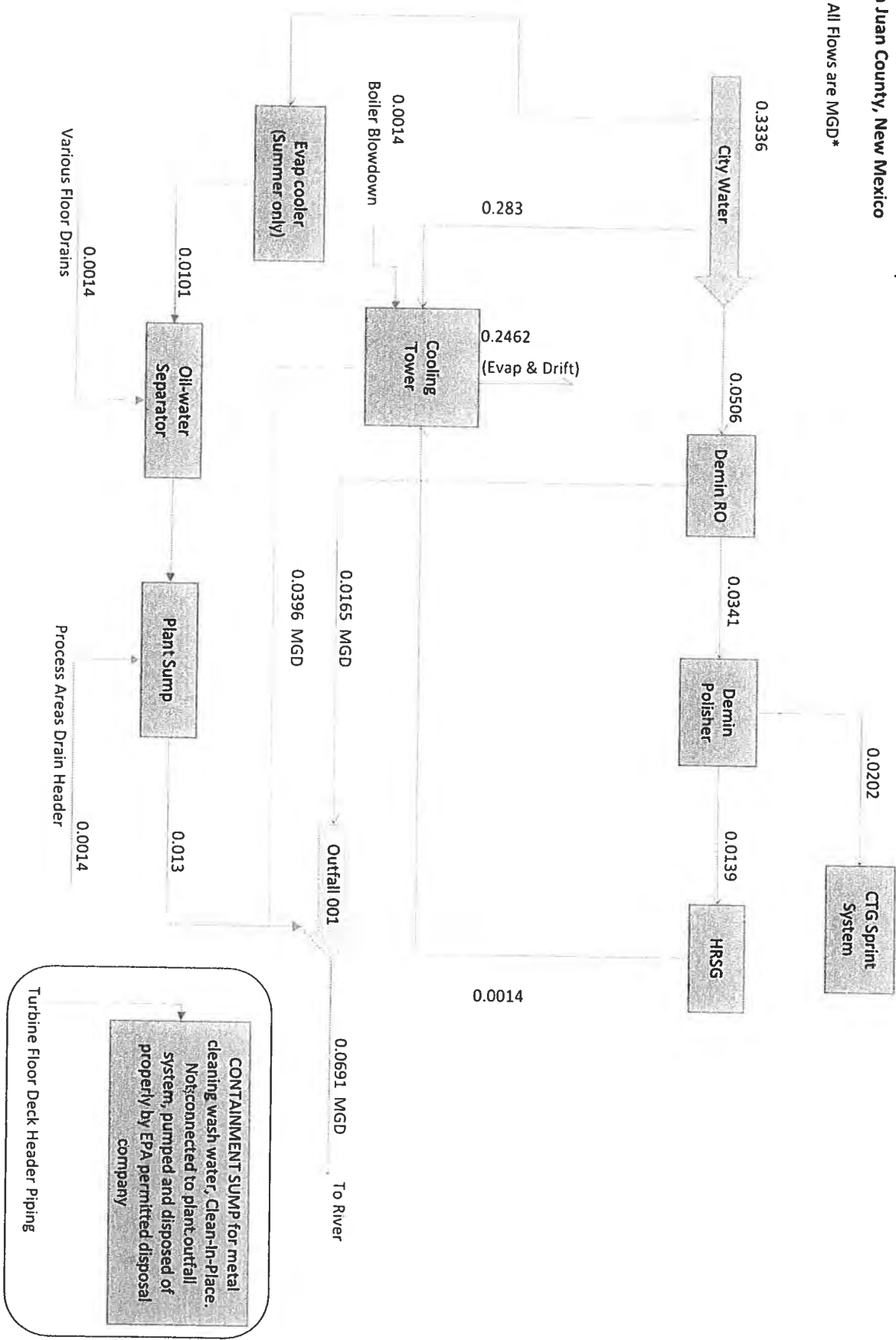
#### **Chemical Usage for Bluffview Plant:**

Corrosion inhibitors, pH control chemicals, and biocide (chlorine) are fed into the water flow system and cooling tower basin. Downstream of the cooling tower sodium bisulfite is injected for de-chlorination prior to discharge. All chemical usage is minimized to the maximum extent practical in accordance with industry best management practices. The following information on the chemical feeds for FEUS Bluffview is as follows:

<b>Chemical Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>SDS Listed Chemicals, CAS#</b>
Betz-Dearborn (RO, outfall 00 I)	De-Chlorination Agent	Sodium Bisulfite, #7631-90-5
Caustic Soda (RO)	Alkalinity Control	Sodium Hydroxide, #1310-73-2
Cortrol (HR SG)	Water-Based Dissolved Oxygen Scavenger	Carbohydrazide, #497-18-7
Gengard (HR SG)	Corrosion Inhibitor	Carboxylic Acid Polymer; Maleic Acid, #110-16-7
Hypersoerse (RO)	Membrane Deposit Control Agent	Disodium Phosphonate, #13708-85-5
Optisperse (Boiler)	Water- Based Internal Boiler Treatment	Polyphosphoric Acids, Sodium Salts, #68915-31-1; Sodium Hydroxide, #1310-73-2
Sodium Hypochlorite (Cooling weir)	Commodity Bleach	Sodium Hypochlorite, #7681-52-9
Steamate Pwr 1440 (HRSG)	Neutralizing Amine	Ethanol amine, #141-43-5

Figure 1: FEUS Bluffview Plant  
Line Diagram (Flow Schematic and Water Balance)  
Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico

\*Note: All Flows are MGD\*



Plant Process Description:

**NMED/SWQB  
Official Photograph Log**

Photo # 1

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: September 10/24/2019	Time:1258 hours
City/County: Farmington/San Juan		
Location: 755 West Murry Drive		
Subject: Cooling towers.		



**NMED/SWQB  
Official Photograph Log**

Photo # 2

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: September 10/24/2019	Time: 1304 hours
City/County: Farmington/San Juan		
Location: 755 West Murry Drive		
Subject: City water is furthered cleaned and stored in holding tank.		





**NMED/SWQB  
Official Photograph Log**

Photo # 3

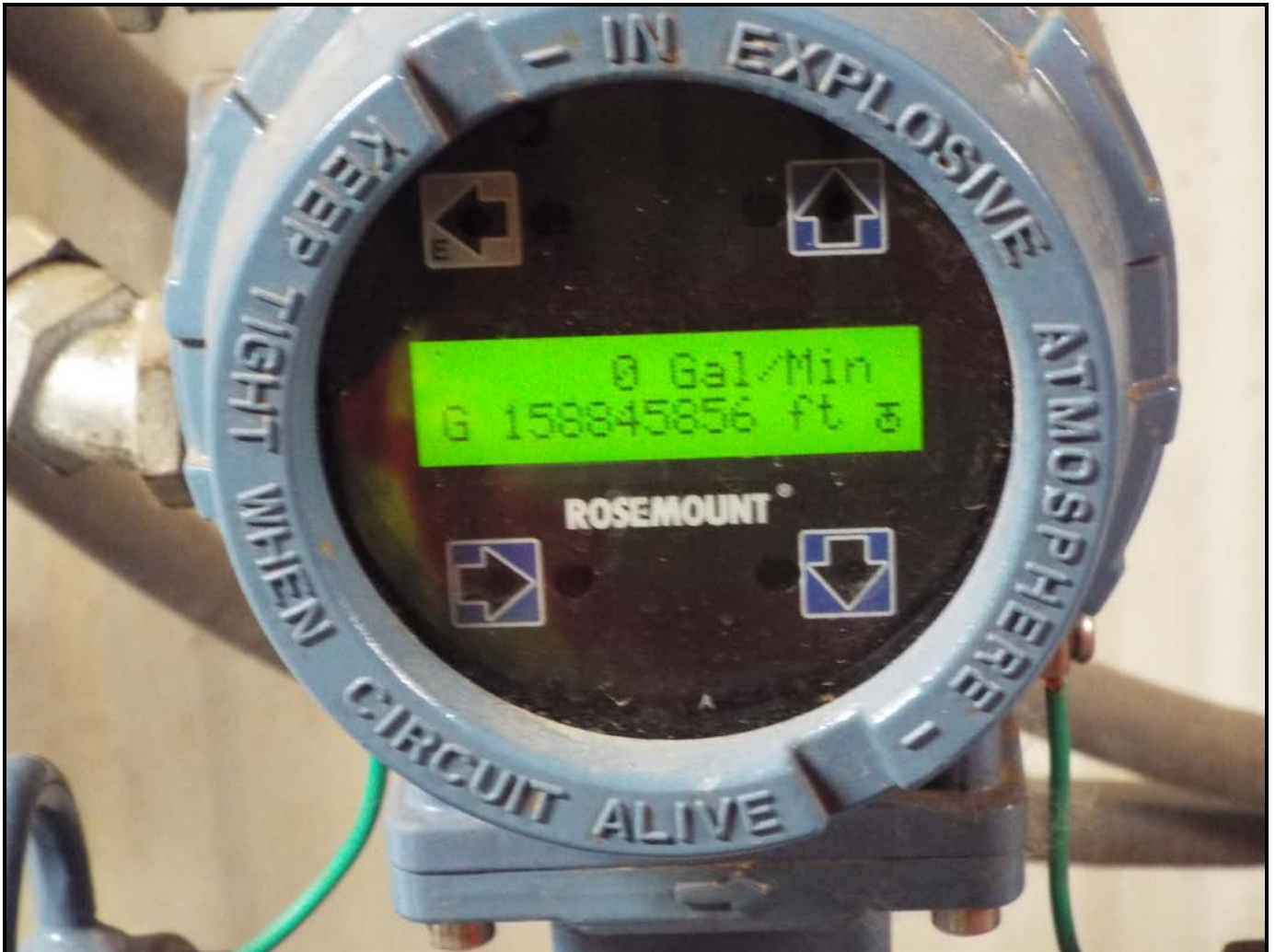
Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: September 10/24/2019	Time: 1305 hours
City/County: Farmington/San Juan		
Location: 755 West Murry Drive		
Subject: Cooling towers and RO storage tank.		



**NMED/SWQB  
Official Photograph Log**

Photo # 4

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: September 10/24/2019	Time: 1314 hours
City/County: Farmington/San Juan		
Location: 755 West Murry Drive		
Subject: In line flow meter. Showing zero calibration test.		





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Photo # 5

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: September 10/24/2019	Time: 1450 hours
City/County: Farmington/San Juan		
Location: 755 West Murry Drive		
Subject: Outfall 001, San Juan river.		

